

ABSTRACT

A plurality of application servers, a client, an integrated authentication server and a security information management server are connected to a network. A user having different combinations of user ID's and passwords or certificates for different services processed by the application servers makes requests for services through the client using a common integrated certificate. An application server receiving the integrated certificate transfers it to the integrated authentication server. The integrated authentication server checks information of the security information management server to decide whether the right of the user to access the service is valid and when valid, transmits to the application server a combination of a user ID and a password or a certificate. The application server performs user authentication for the user based on the combination of user ID and password or certificate.

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